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SUBJECT: CISL SECRETARIAT VOTES AGAINST SCALIA

1. FOLLOWING THE INITIATIVE OF LEFT WING LEADER PIERRE CARNITI, THE CISL SECRETARIAT VOTED NINE TO THREE DURING APRIL 29 MEETING FOR A PROPOSAL RECOMMENDING THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL COUNCIL CONSIDER DISCIPLINARY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AGAINST FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL VITO SCALIA. THE LATTER IS ACCUSED OF CONDUCT "HARMFUL TO THE INTEGRITY, POLITICAL PRESTIGE AND MORALE OF THE ORGANIZATION." LEANDRO TACCONI, FRANCO MARINI AND ANGELO FANTONI VOTED AGAINST PROPOSAL, WHILE ROBERTO ROMEI AND GIUSEPPE REGGIO VOTED RELUCTANTLY WITH MAJORITY, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED STORTI, MACARIO, CARNITI, CREA, CIANCAGLINI, MARCONI AND SPANDONARA.

2. COMMENT: CONSIDERATION WAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN TO PUTTING SCALIA'S CASE BEFORE THE CISL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD HAVE SPEEDED UP AN EVENTUAL EXPULSION OF SCALIA. THE EFFECT OF THE APRIL 29 VOTE, HOWEVER, IS TO PUT SCALIA IN A STATE OF LIMBO, SINCE THE GENERAL COUNCIL IS NOT SCHEDULED TO

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MEET UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE 15 REGIONAL ELECTIONS. ACCORDING

TO EMBASSY SOURCES, AN EARLY EXPULSION OF SCALIA IS BEING
RESISTED BY SECRETARY GENERAL STORTI AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL MACARIO, WHO DESPITE THEIR ADVOCACY OF ORGANIC UNIFICA-
TION OF CISL WITH CGIL AND OIL APPARENTLY RETAIN CERTAIN TIES OF
LOYALTY TO THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THEY AS WELL AS SOME
LEADERS WITHIN THE DC REPORTEDLY BELIEVE A SPLIT IN THE CISL
RANKS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS WOULD NOT HELP THE PARTY.VOLPE

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